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opening of the projection, the lid including a condensate rim extending from a lower surface thereof and positioned toward a first side of the lid;

A1 a pin passing through the aligned pin receiving openings for coupling the projection to the boss and for preventing rotational movement of the lid so as to maintain a desired rotational position of the condensate rim relative to the first end of the arm; and

wherein a cross-sectional size of the pin is smaller than a size of the pin receiving opening of the projection to permit floating movement of the projection and the lid.

2 (Once Amended). The steam kettle lid assembly of claim 1 wherein the elongated arm includes a pivoting connection at the first end for permitting movement thereof.

A2 7 (Once Amended). A lid assembly, comprising:

an elongated arm movable between an upward position and a downward position, the arm having a first end;

a lid including a condensate rim extending from a lower surface thereof and positioned toward a first side of the lid;

wherein one of the arm and the lid includes a female coupling member extending therefrom at a location away from the first end and having a coupling opening therein and a fastener receiving opening therein, and the other of the arm and the lid includes a male coupling member extending therefrom, the male coupling member having a fastener receiving opening therein, the male coupling member positioned within the coupling opening of the female coupling member such that the fastener receiving opening of the female coupling member is aligned with the fastener receiving opening of the male coupling member;

a fastener passing through the aligned fastener receiving openings for coupling the male coupling member to the female coupling member and for preventing rotational movement of the lid so as to maintain a desired rotational position of the condensate rim relative to the first end of the arm; and

wherein a size of the fastener is smaller than a size of the fastener receiving opening of the male coupling member to permit floating movement of the lid.

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11 (Once Amended). A method of attaching a steam kettle lid for movement between an open position relative to an opening of a steam kettle and a closed position relative the opening of the steam kettle, the method comprising the steps of:

providing an arm movable between an upward position and a downward position;

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providing a lid with a condensate rim extending from its lower surface and located toward a side portion of the lid;

providing a female coupling member on one of the arm and the lid;

providing a male coupling member on the other of the arm and the lid;

connecting the female coupling member to the male coupling member in a manner which permits floating movement of the lid relative to the arm, but prevents rotational movement of the lid to maintain the condensate rim in a substantially fixed rotational alignment with a side of the steam kettle.

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13 (Once Amended). A steam kettle system, comprising:

a kettle including an upper opening;

an elongated arm;

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a steam kettle lid having a central portion, a first side portion, a top, and a bottom, a condensate rim extending from the bottom of the lid along at least the first side portion of the lid, the central portion non-rotatably coupled to the arm at an intermediate point along the arm via a floating, non-rotating coupling to maintain a desired location of the condensate rim relative to the arm;

wherein the arm includes a portion extending outward beyond a perimeter of the lid at the first side portion of the lid, such portion being pivoted to permit movement of the lid between a down position in which the lid is substantially horizontal and rests on the upper opening to close the kettle, and an up position in which the lid is angled relative to the horizontal and is raised off of the upper opening to provide access to the kettle, the first side portion of the lid, including the condensate rim, being located below the central portion of the lid when the lid is in the up position such that condensate on the bottom of the lid runs downward toward the condensate rim, off of the condensate rim and into the kettle.

Please add the following new claim:

Amendments
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--14. A steam kettle system, comprising:

 a kettle including an upper opening;

 an elongated arm;

 a steam kettle lid having a central portion, a first side portion, a top, and a bottom, the central portion coupled to the arm at an intermediate point along the arm via a floating coupling, a condensate rim extending from the bottom of the lid along at least the first side portion of the lid;

 wherein the arm includes a portion extending outward beyond a perimeter of the lid and connected to provide a pivoting movement of the arm between a down position in which the lid is located substantially horizontal and rests on the upper opening to close the kettle, and an up position in which the lid is angled relative to the horizontal and is raised off of the upper opening to provide access to the kettle;

 wherein a rotational position of the lid relative to the arm is substantially fixed so that the first side portion of the lid, including the condensate rim, is located below the central portion of the lid when the arm is in the up position such that condensate on the bottom of the lid runs downward toward the condensate rim, off of the condensate rim and into the kettle.--

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